

Torrance, California
April 22, 1952

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber of the City Hall on Tuesday, April 22, 1952, at 8:00 P.M., Mayor Schwab presiding.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Spelman and Schwab. Also present were City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Hall.

All persons present participated in the salute to our Flag, led by Councilman Benstead.

As first order of business, Councilman Blount moved the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of April 9th be approved with the first sentence of paragraph 2, on page 2, corrected to close with the words "assessment or diagram of the Seaside Heights Sewer District," the name of the district having been omitted, and that the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of April 15th be approved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously.

Mr. Stevens, as City Engineer, presented plans and specifications for the Seaside Ranchos Sewer District, as previously authorized by resolution. Councilman Blount moved they be received and filed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. In reply to inquiry by Councilman Drale, Mr. Stevens explained that this was an entirely new project, separate from the Seaside Heights Sewer District. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The City Engineer then presented and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2265

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT, BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM THEREIN.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2265. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Engineer presented and Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IN DORIS WAY AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS IN SAID CITY, WITHIN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE SEASIDE RANCHOS SEWER DISTRICT; DECLARING THE WORK TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT, AND DESCRIBING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITTED BY SAID WORK AND TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS AND EXPENSES; AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE SET FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT, OR TO THE EXTENT OF THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED, OR BOTH.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2266. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. The City Engineer presented an estimate of cost of the proposed improvement in the amount of \$85,014.42. Councilman Blount moved that the estimate be received and filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartlett read the following:

Claim from Vern T. Lovelady, 1724-A Manual Avenue, for damage to his car in the amount of \$140.19 by City Dump truck. Councilman Drale moved the claim be denied and the necessary procedure followed through the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Petition bearing 43 signatures requesting the City to install sidewalks along Roslin Ave. from 182nd St. to 186th St. and along Amie Ave. from 182nd St. to 186th St. Councilman Blount, stating the City Attorney believed the tract should be checked to ascertain whether or not the City had an easement, moved the matter be referred to the City Manager for that information. Councilman Drale asked if the statute of limitations had run and City Manager Stevens replied that it had and that there was no way to hold the contractor. Councilman Benstead asked if the City could legally install sidewalks and was informed that it has not been the policy except in front of City property. Following further discussion, Councilman Blount withdrew his motion. Councilman Drale stated he thought a letter should be sent to the party responsible for the petition, explaining the City's position. City Attorney Hall stated that where something is done that can't be justified on a City-wide basis it amounts to spending money for private purposes; that if we have an easement, then we could improve City property and that the question would become one of policy and finance. He stated he would be happy to reply to the petition. Mr. Jack White advised that the party responsible for the petition was Mr. Glen Runstead, 18236 Roslin Avenue. Councilman Drale moved a communication be sent to Mr. Runstead clarifying the City's position in the matter. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from the Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, inviting the Council to attend its annual meeting on Friday, April 25th, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber to hear the annual reports. Councilman Blount moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Request from City Clerk Bartlett for authorization to hire Beulah Calhoun for temporary employment as Account Clerk, as of April 10, 1952, at \$229.00 per month. Mr. Bartlett stated Mrs. Calhoun was on the civil service eligible list. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Request from City Clerk Bartlett for authorization to pay South Torrance sewer assessment #69 in the amount of \$604.07 against Lot 1 Block 298 Track 1952, City owned property. Councilman Drale moved the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from County Board of Supervisors transmitting certified copy of their resolution declaring a portion of Crenshaw Boulevard to be a part of the County system of highways and requesting consent to its improvement by the County. Councilman Spelman moved the request be granted and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare the necessary resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from County Health Department enclosing copy of news release on the possibility of a rabies epidemic. Matter of record.

Letter from the office of Governor Warren acknowledging receipt of our Resolution opposing the proposed 4% State sales tax. Matter of record.

Letter from the Los Angeles office of the League of California Cities acknowledging receipt of our Resolution opposing the proposed 4% State sales tax. Matter of record.

Letter from Shoreline Planning Association of California requesting that the City forward any plans we have for the acquisition and development of our beach, and urging that we renew our membership in the Association. City Manager Stevens explained that we were a member for a few years but dropped out in 1947; that the organization was non-profit and fosters the idea that all the beaches in California should be publicly owned; that membership is \$75 a year. Councilman Spelman moved the matter be referred to the next agenda meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Verified claim for damages from Andrew Goodwin, 13712 South Garfield, Paramount, in the amount of \$25,587.67, arising out of an accident with a City bus. Councilman Spelman moved the claim be denied and referred to our insurance carrier. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Notice from Jennings & Belcher, Attorneys, that trial date in the matter of Lemon vs. City of Torrance has been set for December 29, 1952, 9:15 A.M., Room 806 Hall of Records, Los Angeles. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from Torrance Masonic Temple Association asking if the City's triangular piece of property at Cabrillo and Santa Fe is for sale. Councilman Spelman moved the communication be referred to the next agenda meeting for study. At the suggestion of Councilman Drale, Councilman Spelman amended his motion to include an invitation for a representative of the Association to be present. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Letter from the Division of Highways advising "school zone" signs could be erected only if the grounds are contiguous to the highway. The letter was in reply to the City's request of April 2nd requesting a crosswalk for school children across 174th St. at Casimir Ave. Councilman Blount, stating signs had been erected privately, moved the communication be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Division of Highways in response to the City's request for flashing signals at the intersections of Pacific Coast Highway with Roberts Road and Paseo de Gracia, advising they are "unable to consider the requested installation" as the school grounds are not contiguous to the highway, as required in Sec. 477.5 of the Vehicle Code. City Attorney Hall, stating he believed there was a conflict, asked that the communication be referred to him in order that he might obtain a clarification from the State. Councilman Spelman so moved. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale, stating everything else had been tried, suggested traffic officers be placed at the intersections on 101 Highway and issue citations for speeding. Chief Stroh replied that the 45-mile zone was so short, it would be impossible to follow them the required distance in order to give a ticket. Further discussion was had as to the feasibility of patrolling that particular area thoroughly. Chief Stroh replied that it would take two cars, one in each direction, and proposed that the best hours would be from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; that the heaviest traffic was on Sunday, and also the worst accidents, but that traffic during other days of the week was faster than the Sunday traffic. Councilman Drale moved the Council "go along with the Chief's proposal and see what happens". Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Letter from the Recreation Commission presenting two requests from the YWCA: (1) volleyball standards and (2) adequate lighting of the park areas. The Commission, as to item 1, recommended the Council authorize the YWCA to install such volleyball standards on the leased property and, as to item 2, requested authorization to make a survey of the lighting requirements, with the aid of the City Electrician. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Request from the Recreation Commission for authorization to re-allocate funds for Recreation Capital Outlay to permit installation of proper lighting in the parking area and patio area of El Retiro Park at an estimated cost of \$250. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Request from the Recreation Commission for authorization to install shuffleboard courts and purchase indoor equipment for the Adult Recreation Center, funds having been allocated in the Capital Outlay plan for the year. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the request. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Recreation Commission suggesting the placing of an assessment on each lot for the purpose of creating a sinking fund to assist in acquiring new park sites and suggesting the assessment be made on each new building permit. Councilman Drale moved the communication be filed for further study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried.

Letter from the Bank of America, Long Beach, declining the City's bid on the Rupp property at 1517 Marcelina. Councilman Drale moved the letter be filed as a matter of record. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

Request from Wm. M. Mahaffey, 15019 Mariposa, Gardena, for approval of leasing a parcel of the airport property 200 yards by 300 yards for a golf driving range. Councilman Spelman, stating he thought the City needed such a range but that he wasn't sure the airport was the place for it, moved the communication be referred to the next agenda meeting for discussion. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried.

Request from Girl Scout leaders and mothers for (1) police protection of the immediate area of the Girl Scout House during evening meetings; (2) lighting outside the meeting house and (3) general repairs to the building, inside and out. Discussion followed as to whether or not the lighting problem should be referred to the Recreation Commission. Councilman Drale, stating the building belonged to the City and that something should be done, moved the Council concur in the requests. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recommendations of City Manager Stevens:

PERSONNEL:

A. Police Department:

- (1) From Police Officer to Police Sergeant, effective 4-16-52:
 - (a) Mervyn H. Porter
 - (b) Theodore A. Morris
 - (c) John W. Maestri
 - (d) Douglas C. Cook
- (2) From Police Sergeant to Police Lieutenant, effective 4-16-52:
 - (a) Alexander S. Thompson
- (3) From Police Captain to Assistant Police Chief, effective 4-21-52:
 - (a) Willard H. Haslam

B. Water Department:

- (1) Appointed as Account Clerks, effective April 1, 1952:
 - (a) Mrs. Philomena L. McConlogue (part-time)
 - (b) Norma B. Christensen

Mr. Stevens advised that all appointments were from civil service eligible lists. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendations. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved the following matters under "Appropriations" be handled item by item. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.

APPROPRIATIONS:

- (1) For payment to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for publicity and advertising services during the period January-February-March 1952, the sum of \$1,250.00 (a budget item).

Councilman Drale stated that he did not believe a self-supporting organization should ask for subsidization from the City; that the funds had been allocated for publicity and promotion and "we have the same old population signs on the street -- we have approximately 32,000 and the signs say 22,000; that he had seen no itemized statement of expenses; that after January 1, 1953, the City would lose from \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year in revenue by reason of the court being removed to Redondo; and moved that the appropriation be denied. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, was defeated by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead and Drale. NAYS: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Spelman and Schwab. Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, was seconded by Councilman Spelman. City Manager Stevens advised he had a statement of expenses in his office and Councilmen Drale and Benstead asked for copies. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Spelman and Schwab. NAYS: COUNCILMAN: Drale.

- (2) That the sum of \$6,000 be transferred from the Unappropriated Reserve to the Street Department to cover the extraordinary expenses incurred during the rainy season of 1952, i.e., equipment purchase and rental, and overtime salaries.

Mr. Stevens explained this sum was for rental of heavy equipment ---cranes and bulldozers -- and the purchase of a pump and fire hose. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS:

- (1) That bids be invited for the improvement of 166th St. in the vicinity of Casimir Avenue. Estimated cost of the project is \$4,000.

Councilman Blount moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of Case No. 234: Petition of William G. Peterson for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish and operate a Day Nursery for pre-school age children at 2747 Cabrillo Ave., located in an R-3 zone. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale then suggested that, in the interest of safety, perhaps the matter should be approved by the Police and Fire Chiefs. Fire Chief Benner explained that before a permit to operate a Day Nursery could be issued, the premises would have to receive clearance from both the Fire Department and the Health Department. Motion carried.

Letter from Assistant to City Engineer Patrick advising the Planning Commission, on March 5th, recommended approval of Tract Map 17920, subject to the outcome of test holes in the absorption basin and that the subdivider be required to construct a fence around this sump area. His letter advised that 3 test holes have been dug and that the subdivider will dedicate another lot for use as an absorption pit, thereby enlarging the pit from .57 acre to .9 acre. Mr. Stevens advised the dedications contain no reversion clause and that the property was dedicated to the City for drainage and park purposed. Councilman Spelman moved the Council concur with the recommendation, with the provision that planting be started immediately on the embankment which backs up to the northerly boundary of the property on Sharynne Lane and, further, that the subdivider be directed to clean off any earth that has moved on down to

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the rear portion of the property facing Sharynne Lane; and that the subdivider make arrangements satisfactory to the City respecting water installations and water service. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Letter from the Planning Commission recommending approval of the request of W.H. Millett to construct a temporary garage-house containing 396 square feet on the rear of the lot at 2313 1/2 230th St., for occupancy during construction of permanent home on the front of the lot. Councilman Drale moved the Council concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 2267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, CERTAIN GRANT DEEDS FROM EVERETT AND C. HOPE POWELL.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2267. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2268

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 2068 AND APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 AND SOUTH BAY CITIES SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2268. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2269

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING ALTERNATE MEMBER TO BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS NOS. S.B.C. AND 5.

Clerk Bartlett read the Resolution in its entirety, leaving blank the name of the alternate member. Following the reading, Mayor Schwab appointed Councilman Blount as the alternate and Clerk Bartlett read the Resolution in its entirety inserting the name of "Willys G. Blount". Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2269. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2270

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION TO HONOR THE SIGNATURES OF THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2270. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 2271

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK TO HONOR THE SIGNATURES OF THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Blount moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 2271. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 596

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 523 BY ADDING CERTAIN POSITIONS TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING FIVE-STEP SALARY RANGE PLAN THEREFOR.

Councilman Spelman moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Spelman moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 596 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 597

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 483.

Clerk Bartlett read the ordinance in its entirety. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 597 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 598

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCE NO. 446.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote. Councilman Drale moved for the adoption of urgency Ordinance No. 598. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Stevens advised that the engineers for Truman Browne had called and wished to submit, for Council approval, a portion of a subdivision previously approved by the Planning Commission. Mr. Barclay presented a map of 13 lots facing Sepulveda and stated that because of financing, they wished to divide the subdivision as originally approved into perhaps 3 or 4 tracts, and that this was the first; that there were no structural changes; and that the proposed recreational area as provided for in the over-all subdivision would not be changed. On questioning by Councilman Blount, Mr. Barclay advised that the proposed division of the subdivision had not been presented to the Planning Commission, and Mr. Blount stated he felt that it should be presented to the Commission before coming to the Council. Councilman Spelman asked if the City still had some legal problems pending with Mr. Browne on a water question and City Attorney Hall replied that we do; that he had talked with Mr. Browne's attorney as late as last Saturday and that they were not inclined to do anything until they saw how the subdivision came out. Following further discussion, Councilman Blount suggested that the matter be sent to the Planning Commission. Councilman Spelman stated: "I concur and offer as a suggestion that we get the water problem taken care of first. I recommend that that matter be cleaned up first and then we will move on from there." No further action was taken.

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Councilman Blount, reviewing the City Manager's letter of February 25th relative to proposed dump sites, moved that the City Manager be directed to immediately institute proceedings and negotiations to acquire a long term lease or the ownership of the property, of Locations 8 and 9, as described in his letter. Motion was seconded by Councilman Spelman. Councilman Drale asked if a time limit could be set as the year previously promised the people was about up. Councilman Blount amended his motion by adding "and that a final report of negotiations be made at the next regular meeting". Councilman Spelman seconded the motion as amended and motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale recommended that the Traffic Commission study the feasibility of a street signal at Sartori and Torrance Boulevard. He commented also, at some length, on complaints received regarding trash pick-up and moved that, if money is available in the unappropriated reserve fund, the City purchase another packer truck. City Manager Stevens advised another such truck would be in the Street Department's budget for next year but that it would be of little use if the people did not comply with the request to bundle and box their trash. Councilman Drale suggested that an "educational" program be carried on through the newspapers explaining why such a request had been made. Mr. Baldwin, of the Torrance Herald, stated he did not think such a burden should be placed on the newspapers, stating people didn't buy a paper to be instructed but for items of news interest. Councilman Drale, following further discussion, withdrew his motion and moved that the City Manager call for bids for a packer truck. There being no second, motion was declared lost.

Councilman Drale then asked about the fencing of the sump in Pacific Hills and was informed by the City Attorney that our ordinance was now in effect and we would have the legal authority to enforce fencing. No action was taken.

Councilman Spelman asked Councilman Drale if the Traffic Commission was cognizant of the confusion at Cabrillo and Carson with a 4-way light on a 5-corner intersection. Councilman Drale replied that no solution has been arrived at as yet. City Manager Stevens explained that with the posting of certain signs and adjusting the timing on the light, confusion would be lessened and that such a "trial" would be instituted very shortly.

Mr. Baldwin, of the Torrance Herald, asked that the Council give consideration to the changing of Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, for its short length in a new subdivision, to some other name to avoid confusion with the Parkway as now in existence. Discussion was had generally as to the dedication of the Parkway. Mr. Stevens explained that someday, as the subdivisions developed, the "pieces" would join with the existing Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway. Commander Mason stated such a name was a mis-nomer and that at the present time he is engaged in an effort to have the name changed to just Palos Verdes Parkway. He stated that "legally or illegally" he would like to see the name changed.

Mr. Tom Babbitt stated that in the past the Recreation Commission has decided who would use the ball-park for a long term by the various leagues and asked that the Council give consideration to the local people. Councilman Drale stated "if outsiders are using our park and the citizens paying the taxes, it doesn't look right". Councilman Blount stated he believed Mr. Babbitt was referring to an announcement that "two nights a week would be turned over to the leagues". He advised Mr. Babbitt that the matter hadn't been referred to the Council. Mayor Schwab suggested that the matter should be checked with the Recreation Department.

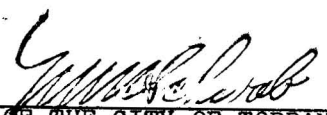
Mr. Addis Thomas stated he felt something should be done to keep Truman Browne from allowing all the rain water from the subdivision to pour down on the residents and that if he could be notified when the new Browne subdivision would be heard before the Planning Commission he and 15 or 20 citizens in the area would like to come to the meeting and offer suggestions. He was advised the Commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

There being no further business, Councilman Spelman moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:00 P.M., Councilman Blount moved the meeting be adjourned to 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, April 23rd. Motion, seconded by Councilman Spelman, carried.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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